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**Walla Walla County Awards Grants**  
***Reminder to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Keep our Community Safe***

Walla Walla, WA - Walla Walla County Commissioners continue their local business support by awarding \$750,000 in small business grants to 71 local business and 26 non-profits.

The Walla Walla County Small Business Grant Funds (WWCGF) program funded by the Federal CARES ACT supports businesses and non-profit service organizations in the county with 50 or fewer employees that have been impacted by the COVID-19 with grants of up to \$10,000.

Recipients have been notified and are already submitting expenses for reimbursement, with checks to be issued before the end of November.

Eligible reimbursements included operational expenses such as rent, utility bills, mortgage payments, and items purchased to protect the public and employees such as masks, hand sanitizer, and costs incurred from installing required safety measures to reopen a business.

The Port of Walla Walla assisted the county in administering the grant application process. Each application was reviewed and scored by a review panel consisting of a representative from the Walla Walla County Commissioners, the Port of Walla Walla, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioners thank the Port of Walla Walla for their assistance in administering this grant program, and the review panel for their help. Commissioners are closely monitoring county CARES expenditures and are hopeful to allocate more resources to this grant program.

A total of \$4,665,000 in Federal CARES Act funds have been allocated to Walla Walla County. The county has distributed \$1,200,000 of CARES funding to businesses including \$900,000 in direct grants to businesses and non-profits, \$100,000 to Visit Walla Walla for tourism outreach to support local businesses, and \$163,000 for food permit renewal fees for all restaurants in the county. A joint effort use of CARES funding from the City of Walla Walla and the county helped fund the parklets in downtown Walla Walla.

For additional information about the Walla Walla County Small Business Grant Funds application process:  
[https://www.portwallawalla.com/images/pdf/Grants/WW\\_County\\_-\\_Cares\\_Act\\_Funds/WWCGF\\_Process.pdf](https://www.portwallawalla.com/images/pdf/Grants/WW_County_-_Cares_Act_Funds/WWCGF_Process.pdf)

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